

MUSEUMS



Museum of the Mountain West Discover an impressive collection of more than a half million Old West artifacts dating from 1880 to 1930, all displayed in authentic settings. Inside the 10,000 square foot main museum building is a recreated western town containing nine storefronts: a saloon, drug-store, dry goods, grocery store, millinery, and old-fashioned doctor and dentist offices.

Displays outside of the storefronts include extensive Old West gun, camera, washing machine, and radio collections. Historic buildings relocated from around the Montrose community are a part of the tour. They include the Diehl Carriage Works where boxer Jack Dempsey trained and fought, a one-room school house, a 1913 church, an 1890 school, and an 1882 Denver & Rio Grande Railroad section house.

All tours take about two hours and are guided by a knowledgeable docent, offering an experiential taste of what it was like to live in western Colorado in the early days. You will be captivated at life as it was over a century ago.

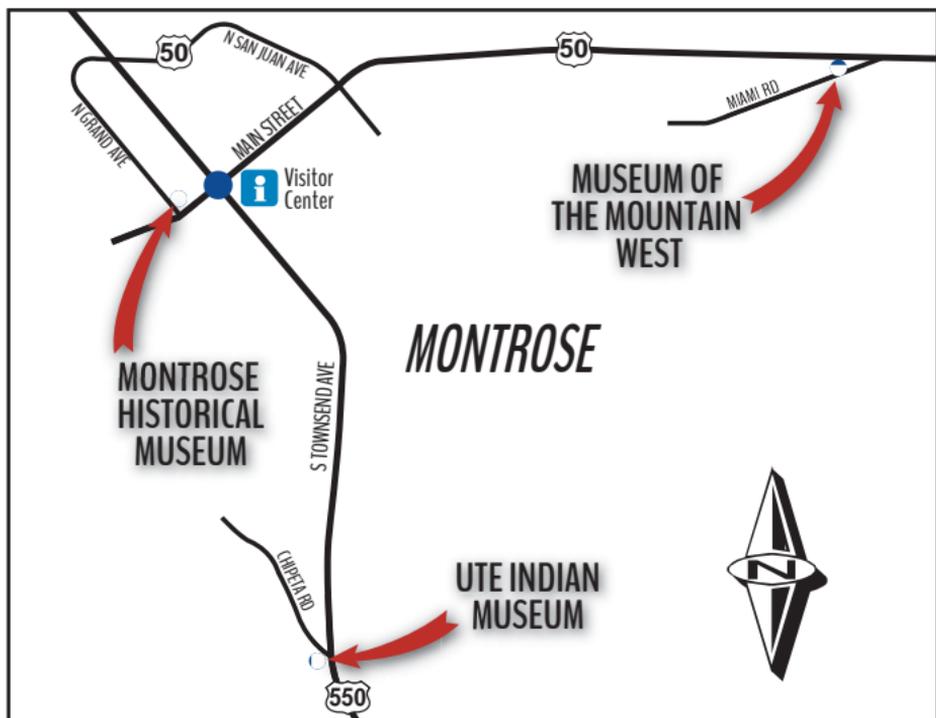
68189 Miami Rd (4 mi east of Montrose on U.S. Hwy 50)
970.240.3400 MountainWestMuseum.com
Open year-round—call for hours.

Montrose County Historical Museum Housed in the old Denver Rio Grande train depot, experience an extensive collection of artifacts and photographs focusing on all facets of early-day pioneer life and settlements in and around the Uncompahgre Valley—from homesteading, farming, ranching, mining, transportation, and medicine to education and the arts.

A rare original stagecoach that once traveled between Montrose and Ouray is a favorite of many visitors. The museum grounds include two log cabins complete with exhibits, a caboose, several rare tractors, as well as other large farm implements.

21 N Rio Grande Ave (just north of W Main St)
970.249.2085 MontroseHistory.org
Open seasonally—call for hours.





Ute Indian Museum This fascinating museum offers one of the most complete collections of Ute artifacts in the United States. Dioramas, changing exhibits, and programs bring history and culture together for all to learn about and enjoy.

The museum grounds include the Ouray Memorial Park, teepees, picnic areas, the gravesite of Chief Ouray's wife Chipeta, a native plants garden, an outdoor display of the Dominguez-Escalante Expedition of 1776, a pier out to the Uncompahgre River, and a museum store that features Ute pottery, silver jewelry, books and other handcrafted Indian artwork.

Take a special excursion to one of the most outstanding prehistoric art sites in the nation. Docent-led tours to the site can be arranged at the Ute Indian Museum. Tour availability is limited.

17253 Chipeta Rd (3 mi south of Montrose on U.S. Hwy 550)

970.249.3098 VisitMontrose.com/museum

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